

25 April 1963

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence**

1. I understand you would like my views on the points raised in John Bross' memorandum to you of 24 April 1963.
2. On the first point of what will be the membership of our Subcommittee, I have checked almost weekly and checked again today and there is still no word as to whether anyone will be added to fill Mr. Taber's vacancy, or whether the Chairman will be changed.
3. In view of the position of stature which Mr. Cannon occupies and his relationship with the Agency over the years which he regards as intimate and which he has jealously guarded, I believe there would be serious disadvantages if the DCI were not to appear before him and the Subcommittee in connection with our budget presentation. Without recounting the entire history of Cannon's relationship to the Agency, it is sufficient to say that he has always been most helpful and sympathetic with our special problems and alone of all members of Congress took the floor after the U-2 incident of 1 May 1960 defending the U-2 project and pointing out that his Committee had appropriated the money and, therefore, the entire Congress shared responsibility for the program.
4. Compromise possibly could be considered such as having the Director appear and open the presentation or the Director could call on Mr. Cannon personally prior to the presentation and raise the question of the DCI not being involved in the budget presentation.
5. Mr. Cannon has been heard to say in effect "if an agency head is not sufficiently interested in his appropriation to appear personally to defend it, maybe he does not need an appropriation." Having regard for the above factors, I believe it would be a serious mistake for the Agency to respond to Mr. Cannon's request for a budget presentation without the DCI personally involved unless adequate preparatory steps were taken in advance.

cc: Ex Dir

Comptroller

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We have not yet, as far as I know, received any formal or final advice concerning the constitution of the House Committee that will hear our budget presentation. If Mr. Cannon continues to act as Chairman of the Committee before which we are to appear, he may be offended if the DCI is not personally involved in the presentation. It occurs to me that the public relations problem could perhaps be resolved by a personal call by the DCI on Mr. Cannon sometime after the Director's return from Europe. In the absence of some specific understanding, however, it occurs to me that we could run into trouble. John Warner's views on this obviously are more informed than mine.

JOHN A. BROSS  
Comptroller

cc: Executive Director  
✓ Legislative Counsel

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